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	(No. and Street)		
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(City)	(State)	(Z	ip Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF P Carol Greenwald 240-274-7810	ERSON TO CONTACT IN RE	GARD TO THIS REPO	ORT
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B. ACC	COUNTANT IDENTIFIC	ATION	
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT RW Group	whose opinion is contained in t	his Report*	
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### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Carol Greenwald		, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial Potomac Investment Company	statement a	nd supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
of December 31	, 20 18	, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, princlessified solely as that of a customer, except as follo	cipal officer	or director has any proprietary interest in any account
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This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes):  (a) Facing Page. (b) Statement of Financial Condition. (c) Statement of Income (Loss) or, if there is oth of Comprehensive Income (as defined in §210) (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition. (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinal (g) Computation of Net Capital. (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Recompliance in Information Relating to the Possession or Confidence in Co	O.1-02 of Regard of Partners at the Claim course of the Claim course of the course of	or Sole Proprietors' Capital.  os of Creditors.  Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.  coments Under Rule 15c3-3.  Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the
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## POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**DECEMBER 31, 2018** 

## Potomac Investment Company Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report December 31, 2018

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Potomac Investment Company

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Potomac Investment Company as of December 31, 2018, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Potomac Investment Company as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of Potomac Investment Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Potomac Investment Company's financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to Potomac Investment Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### Supplemental Information

The computation of net capital and aggregate indebtedness under rule 15c3-1 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Potomac Investment Company's financial statements. The supplemental information is the responsibility of Potomac Investment Company's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the computation of net capital and aggregate indebtedness under rule 15c3-1 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We have served as Potomac Investment Company's auditor since 2015.

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania January 23, 2019

## POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,681
Investment Securities		372,967
Accounts Receivable - Trade		16,715
Prepaid Expenses		10,589
Loan to Stockholder		7
Property and Equipment \$ 53,360	5	
Accumulated Depreciation (40,174)	4)	
Net Property and Equipment		13,192
Total Assets		415,151
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable		7,751
Total Liabilities	_\$_	7,751
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common Stock (Authorized 100,00 shares, issued and outstanding 1,000)	\$	6,000
Additional Paid-In Capital	Ψ	16,210
Retained Earnings		385,190
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$	407,400
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	415,151

## POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

DEVENUEC	
REVENUES	\$ 110.124
Commissions	
Investment Advisory Fees	331,507
Gain/(Loss) on Securities	10,661
Interest	7,831
Total Revenues	\$ 460,123
EXPENSES	
Employee Compensation	\$ 247,485
Retirement Plan	55,000
Clearing & Execution Costs	45,323
Rent and Utilities	20,266
Office Expenses	13,644
Depreciation	3,517
Regulatory Fees and Licenses	10,844
Insurance	2,947
Payroll Expenses	11,920
Professional Fees	14,308
Subcontractor	8,250
Telephone	2,633
Other expenses	770
Total Expenses	\$ 436,900
Net Income	\$ 23,216

## POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Balance at January 1, 2017	Common Stock \$ 6,000	Paid-In Capital \$ 16,210	Retained Earnings \$ 361,974	\$ <u>Total</u> 384,184
Distributions			0	0
Net Income (Loss)			23,216	 23,216
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$ 6,000	\$ 16,210	\$ 385,190	\$ 407,400

## POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net income	\$ 23,216
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	
Depreciation	3,517
Investment Securities	(10,661)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease:	
Accounts Receivable - Trade	(10,912)
Prepaid Expenses	(3,582)
Accounts Payable	(608)
Accounts Payable-Stockholder	(2,200)
Accounts I ayable blooking as	
Net Cash provided by operating activities	\$ (1,230)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	
Cash at Beginning of Year	2,911
Cash at End of Year	\$ 1,681
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION	
Cash paid during the year for:	
Income taxes	\$ -
Interest	\$ 73

#### POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2018

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

Potomac Investment Company (the Company), was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on October 19, 1983, to provide securities brokerage and investment advisory services in in the Washington metropolitan area. The Company, which is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, is an "introducing" broker-dealer as defined in Rule 15c3-1(a)(2).

### **NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Revenue Recognition - The adoption of Accounting Standard ASC 606 did not have a material effect on the company.

Securities Transactions and Related Commissions – Securities transactions and related commissions are being recognized on a trade date basis.

Investment Advisory Fees -Investment advisory fees are received at the beginning of the quarter and recognized over the quarter.

Securities Owned - Securities owned by the Corporation are valued at market with the resultant unrealized gain or loss reflected in the statement of income. Dividends are recognized and recorded as income when declared. There were no dividends declared at year end.

The Company holds equity securities with a total cost basis of \$111,381 and a total fair market value of \$372,967 at December 31, 2018.

**Depreciation** - The Company's equipment is depreciated using the straight line method over three to ten years.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with general accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Income Taxes - Beginning with the taxable year ending December 31, 1983, the Company's S shareholders elected to be treated as an S Corporation for Federal income tax purposes. Under this election, income, losses and credits are included in the individual tax returns of the shareholder. Therefore, no provision has been made for income taxes in the accompanying financial statements. In general, the prior three years tax returns filed with various taxing agencies are open to examination.

Accounts Receivable - Accounts receivable are recorded net of allowance for expected losses. The allowance, estimated at zero for 2018, is estimated based on historical performances.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash and cash equivalents consisted of cash on deposit with established federally insured financial institutions. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2018

#### NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Statement of Cash Flows - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchases with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Retirement Plan - The Company maintains a Simplified Employer Plan (SEP) for employees. The Company provides a discretionary contribution to the SEP on an annual basis. For 2018, the Company elected to make a contribution of \$55,000.

#### **NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach, as specified by FASB ASC 820, are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Company has the ability to access.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices included within level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. (The unobservable inputs should be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances and may include the Company's own data.)

The following table presents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2018.

	_	Level 1	_	Level 2	_	Level 3	_	<u>Total</u>
Equity Securities	<u>\$</u> _	<u>372,967</u>	<u>\$_</u>	=	<u>\$_</u>	=	<u>\$_</u>	<u>372,967</u>

#### POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2018

## NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company leases operating space from the sole shareholder. The monthly payment represents a percentage of space used and is determined on a month to month basis.

# NOTE 5 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1) which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2018, the Company had net capital of \$286,343 which was \$281,343 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 2.7 to 1.

# NOTE 6 - OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Company is exempt from the provisions of the reserve requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section (k)(2)(ii) since the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.

# NOTE 7 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 23, 2019, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. No events have occurred since the balance sheet date that would have material impact on the financial statements.

## POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY AT DECEMBER 31, 2018

	SCHEDULE I	
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL		
Total Members' Equity	\$	407,400
Deductions and/or Changes		
Non-Allowable Assets		10.506
Other Assets		10,596
Fixed Assets		13,192
Net Capital before Haircuts on Securities Positions	\$	383,612
Haircuts on Securities		55 O 15
Haircuts Regular		55,945
Haircuts Undue Concentration		41,324
Net Capital	\$	286,343
COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREME	ENTS	
	SCH	EDULE II
Minimum Net Capital Required	\$	516
Minimum Dollar Net Capital Requirement	\$	5,000
Net Capital Requirement	\$	5,000
Excess Net Capital	\$	281,343
Excess Net Capital at 10% of A.I. or 120% of Minimum Dollar Net Capital Requirement	\$	280,343
COMPUTATION OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS	8	
Aggregate Indebtedness Liabilities from Statement of Condition Accounts Payable	_\$	7,751
Total Aggregate Indebtedness Liabilities	\$	7,751
Percentage of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital		2.7%

## POTOMAC INVESTMENT COMPANY AT DECEMBER 31, 2018

SCHEDULE III

# STATEMENT RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 17a-5(d)(4)

No material differences exist between the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 in this report and such computation in the respondent's original Part IIA unaudited filing.



#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors of Potomac Investment Company

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report Rule 17a-5(d)(4), in which (1) Potomac Investment Company identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which Potomac Investment Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (2(ii)) (the "exemption provisions") and (2) Potomac Investment Company stated that Potomac Investment Company met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. Potomac Investment Company's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about Potomac Investment Company's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2(ii)) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

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January 23, 2019

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#### **ExemptionReport**

December 31, 2018

To the best of our knowledge and belief, Potomac Investment Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 because it meets the conditions set forth in paragraph (k) of rule 15c3-3 pursuant to subparagraph 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii). The Company met the exemption provision in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of rule 15c3-3 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Very truly yours,

Carol Greenwald

President